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1. Contrary to published reports in the West German press, the group of 33 former Junkers specialists who were reportedly scheduled to return from the USSR on 3 July 1953 did not do so. Instead, the entire former Junkers group, including those referred to above, has been moved to Kimry.¹
2. All of the former Junkers personnel, except three from Kuybyshev, identified only as two professional workers and one manual laborer, and eight from Lukhovitsy, are together once more. They are still being paid but have not been working and are becoming increasingly depressed by cramped quarters and the little attention that has been paid to them. Morale has been low since their wives were returned to East Germany over a year ago.
3. On 16 July 1953, the Soviet in charge at Kimry informed the group that their return to Germany must be postponed for a year since the German Democratic Republic was not in a position at the present time to absorb them.² Because of this announcement, several of the group have suffered nervous breakdowns.

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1. Comment. See for other reports on the transfer of German scientists to Kimry.

2. Comment. This is probably the explanation for the fact that the dwellings in Dessau, which had been kept unoccupied and available for the specialists, were opened for occupancy by other Dessau residents in July 1953.

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